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Responsible agencies, Reviewing Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and individuals interested in the Schuyler Heim Bridge Replacement and SR-47 Expressway Project

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Schuyler Heim Bridge Replacement
and SR-47 Expressway Project
EA 238500

Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Report/Statement

This is to advise you that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has completed the Final Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Schuyler Heim Bridge Replacement and SR-47 Expressway Project in the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, California. The final EIS/EIR identifies Alternative 1 as the Preferred Alternative. Alternative 1 includes the replacement of the Schuyler Heim lifted bridge with a fixed-span bridge and construction of an elevated SR-47 expressway from Terminal Island to Alameda Street (the new bridge will be a portion of the new expressway). The Preferred Alternative will require acquisition of additional right-of-way.

The Final EIR/EIS is now being distributed to those agencies and individuals that commented on the Draft EIR/EIS or requested a copy. Appropriate changes have been made to address the concerns raised during the public review period. A Notice of Availability is being published in the Federal Register, and a Record of Decision will be prepared after 30 days pursuant to NEPA. A Notice of Determination will soon be filed with the State Clearinghouse pursuant to CEQA.

Enclosed is a copy of the Final EIR/EIS. A hard copy of the entire Final EIR/EIS and CDs of technical studies may be viewed at the following locations:

- Caltrans, District 7: 100 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Wilmington Library: 1300 N. Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, CA 90744
- Carson Regional Library: 151 E. Carson St. Carson, CA 90745-2797
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library: 17906 S. Avalon Blvd, Carson, CA 90746-1598
- Compton Library: 240 W. Compton Blvd., Compton, CA 90220
- San Pedro Regional Library: 931 S. Gaffey St. San Pedro, CA 90731
- Harbor City – Harbor Gateway Branch Library: 24000 S. Western, Harbor City, CA 90710
- Los Angeles Central Library: 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- Bret Harte Neighborhood Library: 1595 W. Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90810
- Long Beach Main Library: 101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802
- Mark Twain Neighborhood Library: 1325 E. Anaheim Street, Long Beach, CA 90813
- East Rancho Dominguez Library: 4205 E. Compton Blvd., East Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221-3664

The Final EIR/EIS may also be accessed from our website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/resources/envdocs/> and through the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority website at www.acta.org.

Written correspondence regarding this Final EIR/EIS should be directed to:

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Once the final CEQA/NEPA procedures summarized in this letter are completed, Caltrans will commence work on the detailed engineering plans, specifications and estimates (PS&E). This next phase will also identify the general sequence and location of construction activities. Caltrans will be able to provide more precise information on the construction timeframes during this next phase.

This notice also serves as notification that the project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including the localized impact analyses for carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123.

If you have any questions, please contact Karl Price, (213) 897-1839. Thank you for your interest in this important transportation study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Kosinski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

RONALD J. KOSINSKI,
Deputy District Director, Caltrans District 7

Enclosure